



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held January 20, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Antonovich:

“During this difficult time while many of our service men and women are away from their families and homes serving in the armed forces, it is important that we acknowledge their bravery and the sacrifices that they make every day while serving our Country.

“The City of Monrovia initiated a Blue Star Family Program to acknowledge and honor the service men and women currently serving in the military. Their program provides each soldier’s family with a blue star plaque to display in their window while their loved one is away. An individual street banner with the soldier’s name and military branch is displayed in the area in which he/she lives. When that soldier returns home, the banner is presented to him/her at a special City Council ceremony. Also, care packages are prepared for each soldier. The Los Angeles County Veterans’ Advisory Commission should review adopting a similar program for the service men and women who live in Los Angeles County.”

Merritt Holloway addressed the Board.

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After discussion, at the suggestion of Supervisor Antonovich and on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Los Angeles County Veterans' Advisory Commission was directed to look into adopting a program similar to the City of Monrovia's Blue Star Family Program, to acknowledge the service men and women currently serving in the military who live in Los Angeles County and report back to the Board within 60 days with findings and recommendations.

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Letter sent to:

- Chair, Los Angeles County Veterans' Advisory Commission